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Cool videogame!
Bundled with this issue!

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between Love Live and the
Panama papers?!

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Editorial

BOOM* *BOOM* *CRASH

—Anonymous /jp/ poster

Hello again. Or, nice to meet you. This is the aspiring editor of Ota fanzine.

Currently, the office is empty except for me, the administrative council of Ota fanzine and one reporter. The office is silent, except for the noise of the reporter writing on his typewriter. We look on, expectantly.

In the prestigious history of Ota fanzine, we have brought to our readers incredible articles about various subjects. We are not strangers to polemic, since we never back away from the touchiest subjects in otaku culture today. Today, we are witnessing the publication of an article that will shake the very foundations of the otaku world to its core.

This special reporter claims to have been approached by members of the upper echelon of the evil organizations worldwide. And I have every reason to believe what he says. Anyone with power would want him to be quiet. But he won't be quiet! And Ota fanzine will take him in!

Ladies and gentlemen, Ota fanzine, once again, is making history. **Do not miss the shocking article!**

Letters to the editor

Enjoyee your response!

We got a question that was answered in previous issues, so we'll group it with another very pertinent question that was also asked multiple times.

Greetings, editor.



*I just want to thank you for all the work you put into this. The otaku world was sorely needing a magazine that recaps all the important news and events of the otaku world. **I love the doujin previews**, specially the one about **girls und panzer**. Where might I find it once it is translated fully?*

Hi editor!

I'm a new reader and I'm absolutely astonished by the incredible quality of your magazine. I can't state how much

*I admire the incredible work you and your contributors put into this magazine. I would love to see the previous issues but I don't know where to find them. **Somebody post the link to the second one.** Please! Anyone!*



Hello editor.

*I'm foreigner from far away land. Your magazine amazing. **Please forgive my bad English, but where might I find the second and third issues?***



Thank you all for reading Ota fanzine!

I have already answered the question regarding doujin translations in a previous issue (Christmas issue, which is the second issue, december 2015, page 4). As for where you might get them, please take a look at the final page, where there will be links to previous issues and special supplements (like Ota fanzine's comiket 89 mini-catalog).

Everyone at ota fanzine hopes you continue to enjoy it!

Nice to meet you, editor.

*I'm someone who tries to look after her health and I've been following the play anime girls news with special interest. In your previous issue, you had an article claiming play anime girls isn't actually harmful. **So we can play anime girls right?***



Thank you for reading Ota fanzine!

You're right, health is a very important thing. That article was written by Dr. Nico and was **a sponsored article. Ota fanzine does not endorse its contents.** The authorities have claimed it to be a dangerous activity, so we treat it as such, but there are members of the scientific community (like Dr. Nico) who claim otherwise. **A debate about this subject is scheduled to happen soon, and Ota fanzine will have exclusive press access to it!**

Howdy editor.

*I really enjoy your magazine and the articles published in it, but I can't help but think...**STOP WITH THE 2HU VS KANCOLLE COMPETITION!!!***

It's not even a contest anymore, 2hu is ded.



I see you already have your mind made on the subject! Not a lot of people do, though, so **Ota fanzine will continue to run the touhou vs kancolle article for the foreseeable future**, which isn't exclusively about touhou and kancolle! We are also monitoring the growth of Touken Ranbu as well as how Love Live performs after μ 's disbanded.

Thank you for your continued support.

How do you do?
How do I contact you?
Regards.



How are you doing, kid?
What's your email?
See ya soon!



I always publish my contact information some time after I publish the fanzine. Please be on the look-out for it!

And so ends another batch of letters to the editor. We are always happy to receive feedback and contributions, so you're always welcome to contact us!

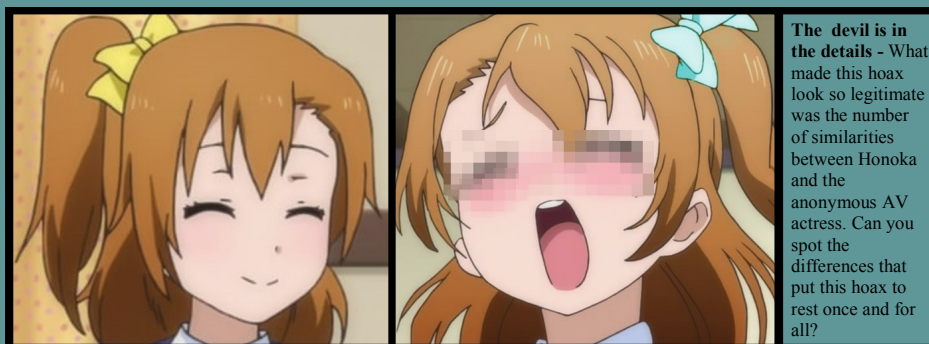
SHOCKING ARTICLE

An Ota fanzine exclusive

In the wake of the biggest scandal the world has ever seen, the world is hit with another even bigger scandal. Coincidence???

It was April 3 2016 when the world was shocked by the leak of the panama papers and the disclosure of the evil conspiracy they reported. Every country on the face of the planet had big players involved in this conspiracy and Japan was no exception. The otakus immediately dispatched their best detectives to help unravel the case and bring the culprits to justice.

Meanwhile, μ's had just finished their final live and were bigger than ever, scheduled for appearances in popular mainstream TV programs. And then, on April 4... A scandal hits?! Kousaka Honoka is rumoured to have appeared in an AV (adult video). The very foundations of the otaku world were shaken to the core! Investigations immediately began to test the validity of the rumor. Forensic experts and photoshop pros all gathered to reach a verdict. After weeks of investigation, the rumours were confirmed false and Otonokizaka's idol research club is now seeking legal action. All is well that ends well right?



But what about the Panama papers?

THAT'S RIGHT!!! While the experts were too busy looking into Honoka's AV rumor and spending hours and hours researching the footage the culprits of the panama REAL SCANDAL COVERED THEIR TRACKS AND ESCAPED JUSTICE!! The Honoka scandal was nothing but a distraction to keep the otaku world busy!

But not me dear reader!! I understood what was going on as soon as it happened! I continued to pay close attention to the panama SCANDAL! I even got random people in black suits THREATENING ME and telling me to STOP INVESTIGATING but I was inspired by ota fanzine's journalistic integrity and decided to continue investigating EVEN IF IT MEANT MY LIFE WAS IN DANGER!!



Perpetrators - people in the criminal underworld and in the highest echelons of political power are involved. And even some public figures with something to gain are in on this evil conspiracy (and cover-up)!

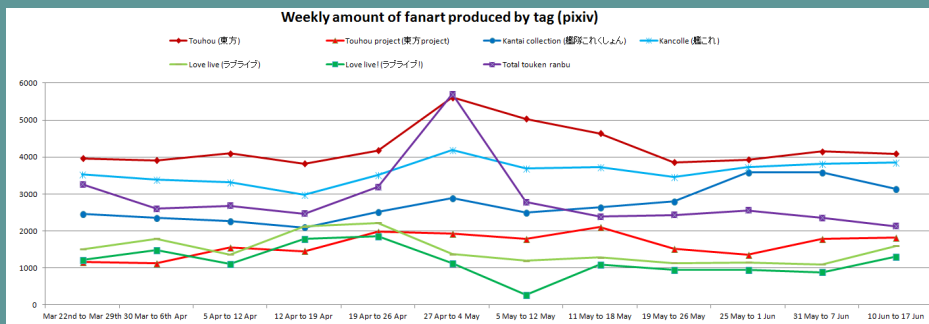
I am still to uncover the identities of these mystery people but I will continue investigating even if it's the last thing I do!!!

CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH??

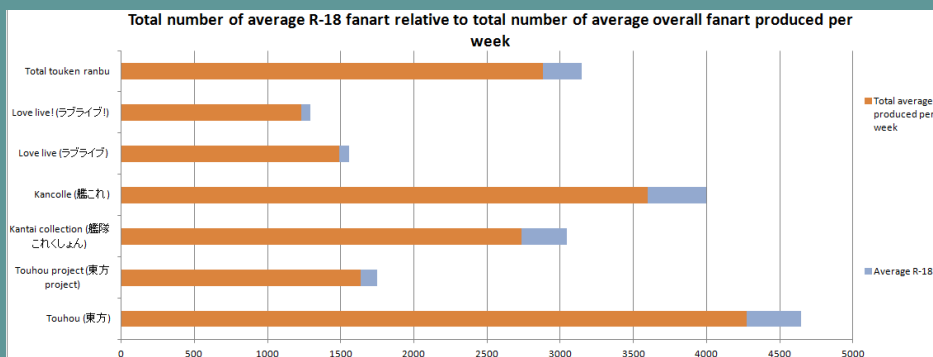
Touhou vs Kancolle

More than we can hear

We have continued to monitor the greatest rivalry of the modern otaku era. Without further ado, here are the charts of weekly produced art. Since the charts are getting too big to fit our pages, we have limited this issue's charts to showing the results that we obtained since our last issue.



We can see a couple of interesting spikes. The spike for love live is due to Maki's birthday, similar to what happened with Umi and Hanayo having events matching their birthdays in previous charts. The spike for Touhou in the week of April 27th matches Reitaisai. Interestingly enough, Touken Ranbu also had a spike in fanart produced, mostly due to a dramatic increase in art produced for the sexually suggestive tag (not necessarily NSFW), accounting for an unbelievable 47% of all the fanart produced that week.



Touhou continues to top the chart. Kancolle and Tourabu continue producing the most R-18 content (nearly 11%).

This data continues the trend observed the previous months, with nothing new added to it despite that curious spike in touken bu fanart. Was there an event? I can't find informatino that might explain it...

Another area of doujin activity is music. As such the comparison between touhou and kancolle doujin music production was made.

Unfortunately, music production data isn't as well categorized as print works. As such, we at Ota fanzine had no choice but to use data from melonbooks, an online store with an area dedicated exclusively to doujin music.

Seeing as touhou has been around far longer than kancolle, it would be unfair to compare the number of doujin works produced between both franchises. As such, we focused on number of downloads for doujin music albums released in comiket. We focused on the top 5 for multiple comikets.

For comiket 89, no kancolle album made it to the top 5. For comiket 88, one album has reached the top 5., at fifth place For comikets 87 and 86, kancolle failed to reach the top 5. On comiket 85, another kancolle-themed album reached the top 5, at fifth place and no works were found for kancolle in comikets 84 and 83. Assuming no albums existed in comikets before those, we halted our search for kancolle doujin music.

Touhou managed to reach the top 5 in all comikets mentioned, sometimes topping the chart.

Of course, this doesn't say anything about the actual popularity of the albums at the time of release. These are cummulative sales over time. As such, we will pay special attention to the music charts during the next comiket. As of now, it seems like touhou dominates the doujin music scene.

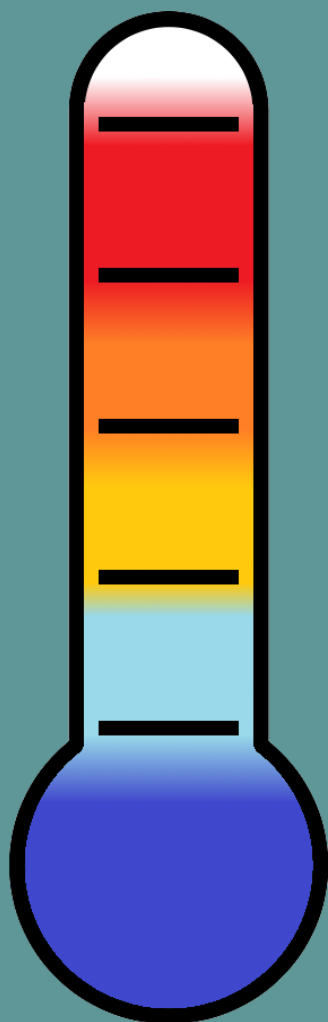
The bitter rivalry continues, next issue!

The Memeometer

Your guide to knowing what's all the rage in the hippest corners of the otaku world!

Here's how it works:

We rank a catch-phrase, meme, fad or style by popularity. The hotter it is, the better! Elaborated with side-notes.



White hot - this one is all the rage nowadays! It's got the right amount of creativity, charm and obscurity. Don't miss!



Red hot - amazing! There's only one minor detail stopping it from reaching the top of the top.



Hot - great content, but some of the wrong people are beginning to catch on. It's losing some heat but it still feels new!



Warm - great content that ages well or new content that has a particular charm. As well as content that has reached the mainstream but still has a chance of surprising you.



Cold - uh-oh! Something went wrong... There might still be a chance for content in this category but it might take a lot of good-will!



Ice cold - something very wrong happened with these. Bad execution, all the wrong people catching on, overuse, too forced... It's time to hibernate and try again some other time...

Summertime hotness, commence!

Dont post EoSD touhous



WHITE HOT: The soliloquy of a new generation. Touhou 6, embodiment of scarlet devil, is now over a decade old. Along the years, the otakuverse has been overexposed to the main cast of that game.

Meanwhile, many more touhou games with scores of new characters have come out, but the main cast of the older games still takes most of the spotlight. "Dont post EoSD touhous" (typically used as, for example "Don't post Reimu" or "Don't post Remi") was thus born as a grassroots movement to bring attention to the new games and the new characters that are introduced. Sometimes, this extends to other older games such as perfect cherry blossom and imperishable night. The response has been massive. Large chunks of the otaku world agree: it's time to replace the miko with Miko!

Lol haha the joke!



RED HOT: Most are familiar with the overwhelming joy that comes with working hard to understand a joke. Sometimes, the satisfaction that comes from understanding the joke may even be stronger than the hilarity of the joke itself. "lol haha the joke!" perfectly captures this snapshot of ordinary life, now available for everyone to use to express this elusive emotion!

Who is this silver-haired maiden?

HOT: The mystery remains unsolved. The urban legend of the silver-haired maiden continues to grow. Where will we see her next?

keep minority spirit

WARM: The pacifist answer to all of the otakusphere's problems. Keep minority spirit continues to mellow out even the most belligerent ragers.

funY FACE!! LOOL

WARM: The 2015 meme of the year, the swansong of μ's, remains alive and well in the hearts and minds of many otaku. As Love Live sunshine approaches, will there be new developments? Whatever the case, funny face has left such a mark in the otakuverse that it will continue to live on, long after μ's' final live. In the years to come, let us never forget its origin!

Have u tried a sweater? hahaha

COLD: Talk about losing steam! One of the top contenders to 2015 meme of the year has gone below the radar ever since the year ended. Perhaps because as the weather begins to get warmer, sweaters aren't as useful...

X is love, X is life

ICE COLD: when the mainstream meets the otakuverse, bad things tend to happen. “X is love, X is life”, where X can be any one thing, has accumulated popularity in circles outside the otakusphere and outsiders naturally think it is just as popular in the otakusphere as it is outside of it. Unbeknownst to them, they are not just outing themselves as outsiders, they are also killing any chance “X is love, X is life” could have had of making it big in the otakusphere. Quarantine for this one is advised...

Umaru

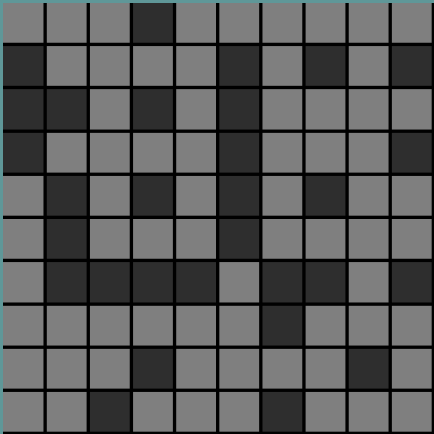
ICE COLD: Umaru was a supernova that set aflame everything in its surroundings and beyond, but only for a short time. Now it's a cold, dead husk, left in the hands of the mainest of main streams while the post-ironic movement attempts CPR. We at Ota fanzine never say never, but a renaissance seems highly unlikely...

**This issue's memeometer ends here.
Do you think we missed any piece of
content? Be sure to let us know what
you think.**

The game corner

Brain tease with ease

Crosswords



Horizontal:

1: "Yes" in japanese (reversed); Tomboy idol (idolmaster). **2:** Judge of the heavens. **3:** "To ride" in japanese. **4:** Twin sister (+ tic neesan); God of plenty's surname (Touhou). **5:** japanese particle indicative of assertiveness. **6:** Former name of the city of Tokyo; Japanese for "I" made popular by characters such as Cirno, Orin and Komachi. **8:** Japanese corporate group that provides information and statistics about the music industry in Japan; Japanese negative particle. **9:** Female fighter from Fatal Fury and King of Fighters; Free voice synthesizing software. **10:** Onyomi for "to taste" (reversed).

Vertical:

1: Well-endowed spiritual idol (love live) **2:** Japanese, indicative of dislike (reversed); Random Access Memory (acronym) **3:** Tengu reporter of the Kakashi Nenpo (touhou); Japanese for "good". **5:** Girly flying witch (flying witch) **6:** Familiar form of "anata". **7:** Ao no... no four rhythm. **8:** "Child" in japanese (reversed); Japanese suffix usually attached to male names (reversed); **9:** Surname of the mangaka of Dragonball. **10:** "Breath" in Japanese.

Find the youkai

Eleven youkai types are hidden in this mess. Can you find them?

R F U Q Z R E D M U W P S I
T S U K U M O G A M I B K Y
Y N W L L C C V C P W I V O
Q K A S H A I K I T S U N E
Z L I A I T Q H D N O S L G
I O R A N V K V E G T M S F
N K A P P A P J B V H D U W
T E B S W P Z I Y F P M J A
R T K L J T N S V O A E J E
R P M O M O E T A N U K I H
L A E V M N T N M T V Z Y D
N J U H K A V I G C O K J P
H H K F G I T M P U O R J M
T A M A N O J A K U H X I F

Amanojaku Kappa Kasha
Kitsune Nekomata Oni
Satori Tanuki Tengu
Tsukumogami Waira

The solution to these games will be presented next issue. Don't miss!

Last issue's solutions

Crosswords

Y	U	I		K	I	R	I	N	O
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Find the servants

E	P	K	Q	Q	N	Q	A	R	C	H	E	R
M	R	V	V	E	D	E	G	Y	D	B	Z	H
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E	Q	H	H	G	G	U	Z	N	U	E	H	E
R	X	D	W	U	U	S	G	R	X	Y	R	R

Guess the touhou

In order: Youmu, Star Sapphire, Clownpiece, Wriggle Nightbug, Letty Whiterock, Koishi, Sunny Milk

Doujin previews, translated!

This is a very small sample of many doujinshi that have been released or are yet to be released. Everything presented in this issue is worksafe.

In order to access the pixiv page, insert the number next to each doujin's title to the following url:

http://www.pixiv.net/member_illust.php?mode=medium&illust_id=

The following previews are included in this fanzine without having asked for the authors' permission.

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by Zeno (56713185)

Pg. 26 - Rearise
by Neko to mangekyou (51753172)

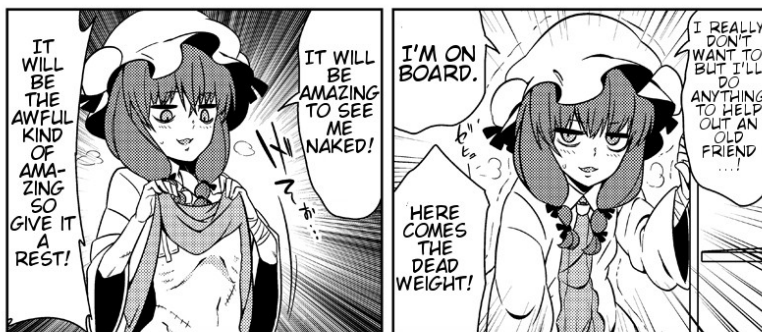
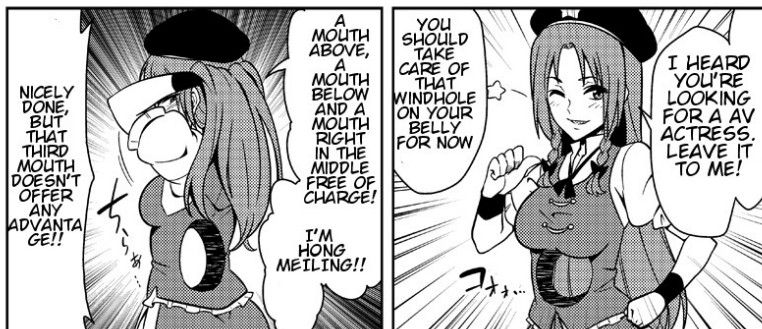


Sakuya, let's shoot an AV

By Zeno (是乃)

Parody: Touhou





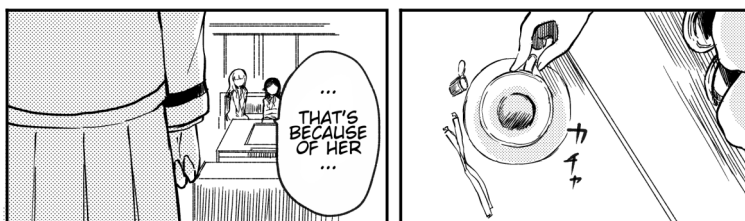
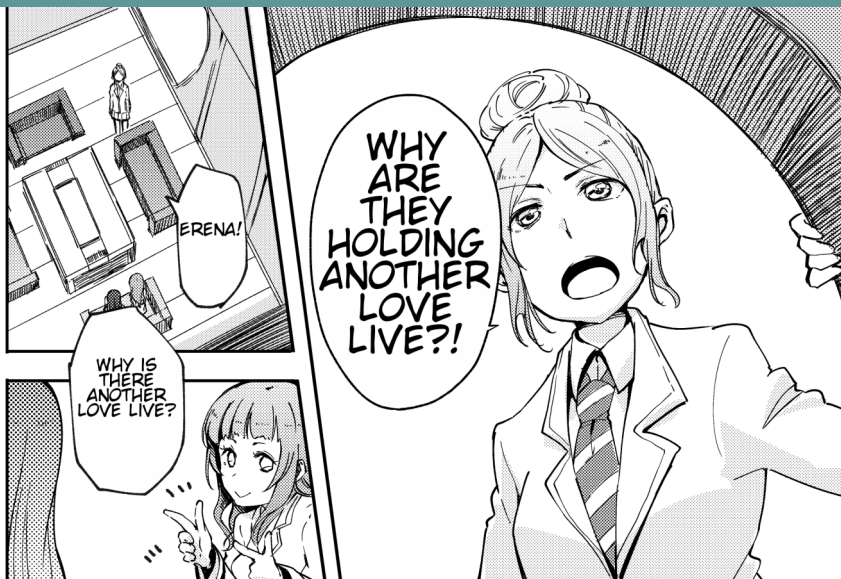


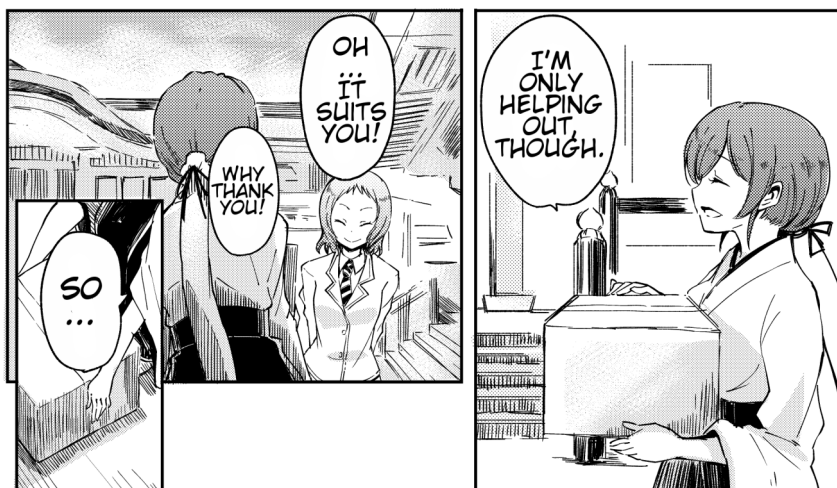
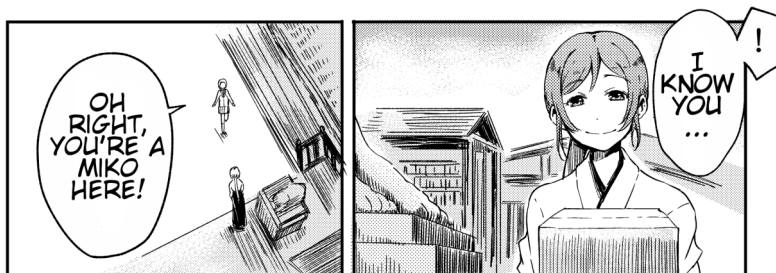
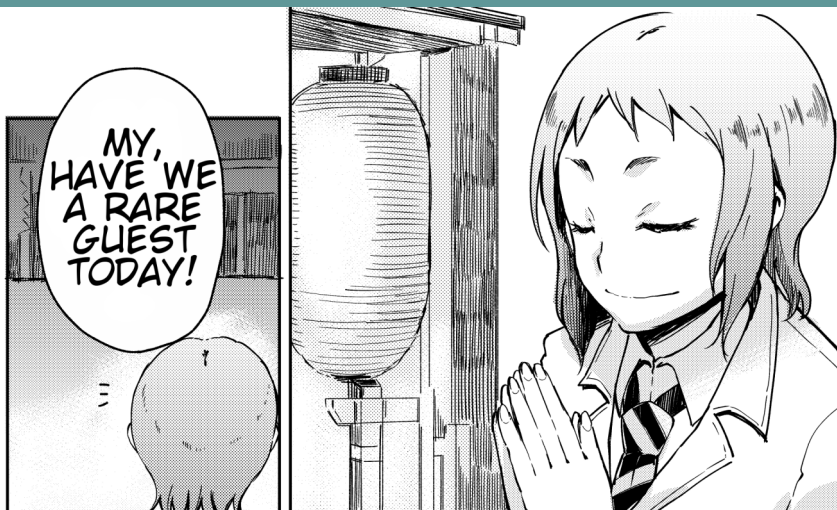


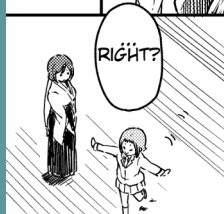
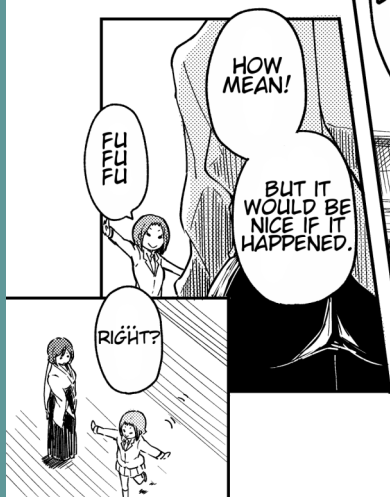
Rearise

By Neko to mangekyou (猫と万華鏡)

Parody: Love live







COOL GAME BUNDLE!

This issue, Ota fanzine is proud to bundle an exclusive game. It's Whack-a-live! A mix of ikaruga and classic whack-a-mole that is sure to fit the palate of any otaku gamer!



Whack the pieces and make chain combos to rack up a big score! Can you make it to the top of the charts?

Instructions

Gameplay mode: both mouse and keyboard are supported! Simply use the mouse or the keyboard to start the game and have fun!

Mouse mode: use the mouse to hover over the pieces. Click them to whack! Press the pause block to pause

Keyboard mode: use your num pad, keys from 1 to 9 to whack the pieces as soon as they stop rising! Press p to pause the game.

COOL GAME BUNDLE!

Game modes:

Free play: simply choose “start game” to play the game at your leisure.

Time attack: you have 30 seconds to build up the biggest score you can. Can you make it to the high scores?

Pieces:

Normal pieces: each piece represents an idol from μ 's. Hit them in combinations of 3 to get a combo and extra score!



The third-years, from left to right: Nico, Nozomi and Eri



The second-years, from left to right: Honoka, Umi and Kotori



The first-years, from left to right: Maki, Rin and Hanayo

The more combinations you hit, the more points it adds to your score. Miss a combo and your chain is reset. **HOT TIP:** A combination of Rin, Kotori and any other piece may not add to your chain, but it doesn't reset it either.

Super pieces: each piece has a special effect when whacked. When you whack a super piece, your combo (but not your chain!) is reset, so you need to whack three pieces

The good ones (green):



Slows down time. Pieces take longer to rise but stay up longer. Also affects time attack clock.



All in one. A random idol is picked and every piece becomes that idol!



Time add. In time attack, adds time to the clock (5 seconds)

The bad ones (red):



Speeds up time. Pieces take less time to rise and stay up less time. Does not affect time attack clock.



Hard whack. Your next two whacks will be ineffective. Only the third whack will count.



Lose combo chain. Lose one point from your combo chain. If you're past the max combo chain (8), it resets to the combo chain that comes before the max combo



Time loss. In time attack, takes time off the clock (3 seconds)

Options: in options, you can choose the difficulty level and the input (even though it automatically detects the input mode based on whether you used the keyboard or the mouse to start the game).

Control scheme: choose the control scheme to play the game. **Mouse mode has touch screen support!**

Difficulty: choose the difficulty level. The harder it is, the less time pieces stay up.

Be aware that whack-a-live is currently in its beta stage. There may be performance issues. There is no sound besides the combo prompts and the current art assets are not definitive. More might be added in the future (check announcement)

Get the game here:

32bit version:

<http://www.mediafire.com/download/zg3qtzi67z2wv91/>

64bit version:

<http://www.mediafire.com/download/hv83o037vz00c6x>

And it doesn't end here!

CONTEST!

Do you have what it takes to be the best whack-a-live player in the otakusphere? Submit your score and earn a fantastic prize: **the meme of the year commemorative image, featuring Umi Sonoda and all sorts of funny faces!**

To submit your score, show us a picture of your score as you get it, indicating not just your score but also the mode in which you played. Submit your contact info and an Ota fanzine official will contact you with your prize in case you win!

The first place for keyboard mode and mouse/touchscreen mode will earn the coveted reward!

The contest will run until July 10th 2016 so you have plenty of time to practice!

And that's not all!

Announcement!

Would you like to join the love live doujin arcade project? We are currently looking for artists, both for graphics and music, as well as coders (experience with Lua and love2d is all that's required). Even people with a general level of creativity are wanted!

Contact Ota fanzine if you're interested.

Closing statements

This time I went past my self-imposed deadline and I'm still rushing Ota fanzine for release... You may notice a drop in quality of the doujin translations. For that, please accept my apologies.

The bundled game is nothing special but if you have as much fun playing it as I had learning and making it, then that makes me glad.

As always, we at ota fanzine hope you enjoy this issue.

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Shocking article

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